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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION IN MONROVIA

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1. ASST FONMIN PADMORE CONFIRMED TO CHARGE EVENING APRIL 25 PRESENCE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION IN MONROVIA. PADMORE SAID DELEGATION ARRIVED WITHOUT PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT GOL. NORTH KOREANS APPARENTLY WISH DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN MONROVIA.

2. PADMORE SAID DELEGATIONS PRESENCE WAS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO GOL, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF UNANNOUNCED ARRIVAL, BUT ALSO BECAUSE GOL HAD NO INTENTION FORMALIZING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THIS TIME DESPITE EARLIER AGREEMENT ESTABLISH RELATIONS. SAID FONMINISTRY HAD TRIED PERSUADE NORTH KOREANS LEAVE ON GROUDS PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND FONMIN DENNIS WOULD BE OUT OF MONROVIA THROUGHOUT ENTIRE PERIOD THEY SCHEDULED BE HERE. (TOLBERT, DENNIS CURRENTLY IN ROBERTSPORT AND NOT SCHEDULED RETURN UNTIL APRIL 30.) NORTH KOREANS INDICATED THEY PREPARED TO WAIT
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UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CONVENIENT FOR TOLBERT AND DENNIS TO RECEIVE THEM. PADMORE INDICATED GOL PERPLEXED AS TO HOW TO HANDLE SITUATION.

3. ROK CHARGE SPECULATES THAT, DESPITE GOL RELUCTANCE, DIPLOMATIC MISSION WILL BE ESTABLISHED. HE OPINES THAT NORTH KOREANS WILL MAKE AID OFFERS THAT GOL CANNOT RESIST. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION HE FURTHER SPECULATED THAT ROK WOULD PROBABLY NOT CLOSE ITS EMBASSY HERE SHOULD NORTH KOREANS COME IN. SAID THERE ARE NOW THREE CAPITALS IN AFRICA IN WHICH BOTH KOREAS REPRESENTED. ASSUMES THIS PATTERN WOULD CONTINUE.
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